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## **NEWS RELEASE**

PHILADELPHIA - Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid and Montgomery County District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman today announced the filing of a two-count indictment charging Americo Valle-Colon, Jose Gomez, and Angel Vargas with conspiracy to distribute 100 grams or more of heroin, and distribution of 100 grams or more of heroin. The indictment alleges that on August 23, 2007, Valle-Colon, Gomez, and Vargas sold approximately 200 grams of heroin in West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania.

## INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	LAST KNOWN ADDRESS	DATE OF BIRTH
Americo Valle-Colon	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1981
Jose Gomez	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1977
Angel Vargas	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1981

Defendants each face a maximum sentence of 80 years imprisonment, lifetime supervised release, an \$4,000,000 fine, and a \$200 special assessment.

This case was investigated by Montgomery County Detectives and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David J. Ignall.

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